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Patent

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Carter, Jerome D. )

Serial No. 09/822,994 )

Filed: 03/29/2001 )

Title: Method and Apparatus for )  
Communicating to Vehicle Occupants)

Group Art: 2644

Examiner: Pendleton, Brian T.

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir,

In response to the final Office Action dated July 13, 2004 Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections to the disclosure.

No Amendments were made to the Specification

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page \_\_2\_\_

No Amendments were made to the Drawings

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| <b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b><br>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing) | Application No.      | 09/822,994             |             |
|   | Filing Date          | March 29, 2001         |             |
|   | First Named Inventor | Jerome D. Carter       |             |
|   | Art Unit             | 2644                   |             |
|   | Examiner Name        | Brian T. Pendleton     |             |
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 01/01/2004. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)

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☐ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other ☐ None

☒ Deposit Account

Deposit Account Number 02-2666

Deposit Account Name Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman LLP

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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description        | Fee Paid |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| Fee Code     | Fee (\$) | Fee Code     | Fee (\$) |                        |          |
| 1001         | 770      | 2001         | 385      | Utility filing fee     |          |
| 1002         | 340      | 2002         | 170      | Design filing fee      |          |
| 1003         | 530      | 2003         | 265      | Plant filing fee       |          |
| 1004         | 770      | 2004         | 385      | Reissue filing fee     |          |
| 1005         | 160      | 2005         | 80       | Provisional filing fee |          |
| SUBTOTAL (1) |          |              |          |                        | (\$)     |

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims  - 20\*\* =  X  =   
Independent Claims  3 =  X  =   
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| Large Entity |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description   | Fee Paid |
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| Fee Code     | Fee (\$) | Fee Code     | Fee (\$) |   |          |
| 1202         | 18       | 2202         | 9        | Claims in excess of 20                                    |          |
| 1201         | 86       | 2201         | 43       | Independent claims in excess of 3                         |          |
| 1203         | 290      | 2203         | 145      | Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid                     |          |
| 1204         | 86       | 2204         | 43       | **Reissue independent claims over original patent         |          |
| 1205         | 18       | 2205         | 9        | **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |          |
| SUBTOTAL (2) |          |              |          |   | (\$)     |

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity        |          | Small Entity |          | Fee Description  | Fee Paid |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|----------|
| Fee Code            | Fee (\$) | Fee Code     | Fee (\$) |  |          |
| 1051                | 130      | 2051         | 65       | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  |          |
| 1052                | 50       | 2052         | 25       | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.                    |          |
| 2053                | 130      | 2053         | 130      | Non-English specification  |          |
| 1812                | 2,520    | 1812         | 2,520    | For filing a request forex parte reexamination                             |          |
| 1804                | 920*     | 1804         | 920*     | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 1805                | 1,840*   | 1805         | 1,840*   | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 1251                | 110      | 2251         | 55       | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 1252                | 420      | 2252         | 210      | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 1253                | 950      | 2253         | 475      | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 1254                | 1,480    | 2254         | 740      | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 1255                | 2,010    | 2255         | 1,005    | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 1404                | 330      | 2401         | 165      | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 1402                | 330      | 2402         | 165      | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 1403                | 290      | 2403         | 145      | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 1451                | 1,510    | 2451         | 1,510    | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 1452                | 110      | 2452         | 55       | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 1453                | 1,330    | 2453         | 665      | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
| 1501                | 1,330    | 2501         | 665      | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
| 1502                | 480      | 2502         | 240      | Design issue fee   |          |
| 1503                | 640      | 2503         | 320      | Plant issue fee  |          |
| 1460                | 130      | 2460         | 130      | Petitions to the Commissioner  |          |
| 1807                | 50       | 1807         | 50       | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)  |          |
| 1806                | 180      | 1806         | 180      | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |          |
| 8021                | 40       | 8021         | 40       | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |          |
| 1809                | 770      | 1809         | 385      | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))              |          |
| 1810                | 770      | 2810         | 385      | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))           |          |
| 1801                | 770      | 2801         | 385      | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    |          |
| 1802                | 900      | 1802         | 900      | Request for expedited examination of a design application                  |          |
| Other fee (specify) |          |              |          |  |          |
| SUBTOTAL (3)        |          |              |          |  | (\$)     |

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